



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill #	SB0248	Title:	Ratify USFS water compact
Primary Sponsor:	Story, Bob	Status:	As Introduced-Revised

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$50,497	\$47,821	\$49,016	\$50,242
State Special Revenue	\$15,084	\$14,284	\$14,641	\$15,007
Revenue:				
State Special Revenue	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	(\$50,497)	(\$47,821)	(\$49,016)	(\$50,242)

Description of fiscal Impact:

The compact provides for water reservation applications to be filed by the US Forest Service (USFS) for instream flow water rights. DNRC anticipates that 15 to 40 applications for water reservations per year will be received from the USFS as a result of this bill, and that over time a total of 200-300 water reservation applications will be received. DNRC also will have to make changes to the administrative rules on water reservations to accommodate the stipulations in the compact.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)

1. It is assumed that there will be an average of 20 applications per year received by the department.

2. It will require an additional 1.00 FTE hydrologist with knowledge of the water requirements for fisheries to review the applications and to assist with modifying the administrative rules governing water reservation applications.
3. Operating expenses would be \$10,552 during the FY 2008 to pay for computer, network connections, software, office equipment, supplies, phone, postage, travel, and rent. Operating expenses for FY 2008 are higher for office set up purposes.
4. A 2.5% inflation factor has been applied in FY 2010 and FY 2011.
5. It is assumed the water right filing fees will fund 23% and general fund 77% - the same funding split as the Water Resources Division's central offices.
6. Assume the USFS will pay the water right filing fee of \$400 per application. An average of 20 applications per year will result in \$8,000 in revenue under current administrative rule.
7. The department may propose administrative rules to change the fee structure to reduce the impact to the general fund.

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$55,029	\$55,029	\$56,405	\$57,815
Operating Expenses	<u>\$10,552</u>	<u>\$7,076</u>	<u>\$7,253</u>	<u>\$7,434</u>
TOTAL Expenditures	<u><u>\$65,581</u></u>	<u><u>\$62,105</u></u>	<u><u>\$63,658</u></u>	<u><u>\$65,249</u></u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$50,497	\$47,821	\$49,016	\$50,242
State Special Revenue (02)	<u>\$15,084</u>	<u>\$14,284</u>	<u>\$14,641</u>	<u>\$15,007</u>
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u><u>\$65,581</u></u>	<u><u>\$62,105</u></u>	<u><u>\$63,657</u></u>	<u><u>\$65,249</u></u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$50,497)	(\$47,821)	(\$49,016)	(\$50,242)
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$7,084)	(\$6,284)	(\$6,641)	(\$7,007)

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